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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

E. HERBERT EASTMAN - 1998
RONALD BRIGGS -1999 WAYNE MCALLISTER, Chair -2000

TREASURER
DONALD MACPHERSON -1998

MODERATOR
FRANK EASTMAN -1998

TOWN CLERK
PATRICIA PITMAN - 1998

TAX COLLECTOR
PATRICIA PITMAN - 1998

ROAD AGENT
JIM LAYNE - 1998

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST
STEVE EASTMAN - 1998 BARBARA EASTMAN -2000
JACK RICE -2002

AUDITOR
DEBORAH MONTGOMERY -1998

CONSTABLE
WAYNE McALLISTER - 1998

CIVIL DEFENSE
JIM LAYNE

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER
JAMES DIEGOLI HARRY CROUSE

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
PERLEY HEAD - 1998 STEVE EASTMAN - 1999
RODNEY BROOKS -2000

FENCE VIEWERS
JAMES DIEGOLI HARRY CROUSE
PERLEY HEAD

BUDGET COMMITTEE

ELEANOR EASTMAN, CHR 1998
TOM STRYKER -1999
LINCOLN GARLAND -2000
WILLIAM PITMAN - 1998
MELVIN CHERRY -1999
GAIL COLOMB -2000

PLANNING BOARD

JAMES DIEGOLI, CHR -2000
CARL LESICZKE -2000
WILLIAM PITMAN - 1999
STEVE EASTMAN -2000
SUSAN LOGAN - 1999
RONALD BRIGGS - SELECT, MEMBER

FIRE WARDENS

JIM LAYNE, Warden
WAYNE McALLISTER, 1st deputy
EDWARD LAYNE JR, 2nd Deputy
PERLEY HEAD, 3rd Deputy
GARY BANHART, 4th Deputy
JEFF STONE, 5th Deputy
WILLIAM BRIGGS, 6th Deputy
WAYNE McALLISTER JR, 7th Deputy
MICHAEL McALLISTER, 8th Deputy

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chatham, in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Chatham on Tuesday, the tenth (loth) day of March, next at 6:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will allow a 2% discount on all Property Taxes paid within 30 days of mailing tax bills.

4. To see if the Town of Chatham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $290.00 for the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care Services of Northern Carroll County, Inc.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

5. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $106.00 for the support of the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 5 - 1

6. To see if The Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $375.00 to assist Carroll County Mental Health Services.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

7. To see if The Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $268.00 to assist the Family Health Center.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,850.00 dollars for the Saco Valley Fire Association @ North Fryeburg for the ensuing year.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $ 300.00 for the support of the Eastern Slope Airport Authority.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

10. To see if the Town of Chatham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $ 225.00 for the Early Supports & Services Program (birth to 3 years) of Children Unlimited, Inc.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

11. To see if the Town of Chatham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,265.00 for the support of the Children's Health Center.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for the support of the Chatham Community Library.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $560.00 for the Town of Lovell Recreation Dept.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

14a. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,527.10 as its share of the Fryeburg Rescue Expenses.

14b. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $ 500.00 as its share in the purchase of a New Ambulance.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $213.00 to defray the operating expense of the services and programs as carried out by the Mt. Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for town hall renovations and to raise and appropriate $6,000.00 to be placed in this fund. $3,000.00 will be offset by that amount from the capital projects fund and $3,000.00 will come from taxation. And further to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

18. Non-Binding Referendum: Are you in favor of the "user-Fee for the use of the White Mountain National Forest: Yes _____ No _____

19. To see if the Town wants to expend $275.40 to join the North Country Council, Inc.
Recommended by Selectmen 3 - 0 Not Recommended by Budget Comm 6 - 0

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer any such Real Estate acquired by the Town as a result of a tax deed as provided in RSA 80:80. Such transfer to be by Public Auction, Sealed Bids or in a manner that justice may require.

22. To see what action the Town will take on the Budget submitted by the Budget Committee.

23. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February in that year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

Selectmen of Chatham Wayne McAllister
E. Herbert Eastman
Ronald Briggs.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION & EXPENDITURES

TYPE OF APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATIONS	RECEIPTS	AMT AVAILABLE	EXPENDITURES	UNEXPEND AMT
TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,263.39	1,736.61
ELECTION EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	722.00	278.00
REVALUATION & TAX MAPS	300.00		300.00	731.00	(431.00)
LEGAL EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,351.00	(351.00)
PLANNING &ZONING	250.00		250.00	101.00	149.00
PERSONNEL ADMIN	800.00		800.00	993.00	(193.00)
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	4,000.00	700.00	4,700.00	3,142.00	1,558.00
CEMETERIES	800.00		800.00	800.00	0.00
INSURANCE	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,297.00	703.00
CONTINGENCY FUND	500.00		500.00	459.00	41.00
POLICE	200.00		200.00		200.00
FIRE	3,850.00	270.00	4,120.00	4,659.00	(539.00)
CIVIL DEFENSE	100.00		100.00		100.00
HIGHWAY & STREET	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	11,660.00	3,752.76	15,412.76	8,853.00	6,559.76
SOLIDWASTE	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,182.00	818.00
HEALTH AGENCIES	3,155.00		3,155.00	3,155.00	0.00
FRYEBURG RESCUE	1,954.00		1,954.00	1,954.00	0.00
GENERALASSISTANCE	15,000.00		15,000.00	4,150.00	10,850.00
BUILDING FUND	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
VITAL STATS & LICENSES				281.00	(281.00)
LOVELL RECREATION	600.00		600.00	560.00	40.00
LIBRARY	300.00		300.00	300.00	0.00
MUNICIPAL ASSO DUES	500.00		500.00	574.00	(74.00)
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	100.00		100.00	47.00	53.00
AIRPORT	300.00		300.00	300.00	0.00
	82,369.00	4,722.76	87,091.76	65,874.39	21,217.37

THE $ 3,752.76 IS UNEXPENDED HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT MONEY FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM 1997-1998

	Actual Appropriation Prior Year	Actual Expenses Prior Year	Recommend Budget Selectmen	Recommend Budget Budget Comm
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	10,000	7,395	8,500	8,500
Election, Reg & Vital Stats	1,000	804	1,000	1,000
Financial Administration	800	993	1,000	1,000
Revaluation of Property	300	731	800	800
LegalExpense	1,000	1,351	1,500	1,500
Personnel Administration	500		500	500
Planning & Zoning	250	101	250	250
General Government Bldg	4,000	3,142	4,000	4,000
Cemeteries	800	800	800	800
Insurance	3,000	2,297	3,000	3,000
Advertising & Reg Assoc	500	140	200	200
Municipal Assoc		574	600	600
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	200		200	200
Ambulance	1,954	1,954	* *	
Fire	3,850	4,659	*	*
Emergency Management	100		100	100
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
Highway & Streets	23,660	20,853	23,878	23,878
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Disposal	8,000	7,182	8,000	8,000

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM 1997-1998 (Cont.)

	Actual Appropriation Prior Year	Actual Expenses Prior Year	Recommend Budget Selectmen	Recommend Budget Budget Comm
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Dog Lisence		199	200	200
HealthAgencies	3,155	3,155	*	*
General Assistance	15,000	4,150	2,000	2,000
Old Age Assistance	500			
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Lovell Recreation	600	560	*	*
Library	300	300	*	*
Patriotic Purposes	100	47	100	100
Mulford Fund		300	*	*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Airport	300	300	*	*
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Bldg Fund	3,000	3,000	*	*
TOTAL	82,869	64,987	56,628	56,628

NOTE: ALL "*" ARE SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Est Revenue PriorYear	Act Revenue PriorYear	Est Revenue NextYear
TAXES			
YIELD TAXES	7,500	7,283	7,500
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES		13,344	
INT & PEN ON DEL TAXES	1,500	2,592	1,500
LAND USE CHANGE TAX			1,900
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	20,000	23,515	20,000
PLANNING BOARD	250	202	
OTHER LIC.,PERMIT & FEES	300	720	500
FROM STATE			
SHARED REVENUES	2,500	3,799	2,500
MEALS & ROOM TAX DIST	1,000	2,930	1,000
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	11,660	12,221	11,878
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	1,000	1,575	1,000
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS	300	1,000	300
TOTAL	46,010	69,181	48,078

1997 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City of: CHATHAM Tax Rates

Appropriations	82,494			
Less: Revenues	74,268			
Less: Shared Revenues	179			
Add: Overlay	10,108			
War Service Credits	4,100			
Net Town Appropriation		22,255		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort			22,255	
Municipal Tax Rate				1.23
-- School Portion --				
Due to Local School	268,152			
Due to Regional School	0			
Less: Shared Revenues	2,490			
Net School Appropriation		265,662		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort			265,662	
School(s) Tax Rate				14.72
-- County Portion --				
Due to County	22,191			
Less: Shared Revenues	213			
Net County Appropriation		21,978		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved County Tax Effort			21,978	
County Tax Rate				1.22
Combined Tax Rate				17.17
Total Property Taxes Assessed			309,895	
Less: War Service Credits			(4,100)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)			0	
Total Property Tax Commitment			305,795	

-- Proof of Rate --

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
18,048,642	17.17	309,895

Andrea M. Reid, 11/7/97

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Revenues - All Funds		
Property Taxes	276,757	
Yield Taxes	7,283	
Tax Liens Pur by Town	11,873	
Redeemed Tax Liens	8,639	
Int. on Taxes	2,592	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	13,344	
Total		320,488
Permits & Fees		
Motor Vehicle Permits	23,515	
Other License, Permits, Fees	730	
Planning Board	202	
Total		24,447
From the state		
Shared Revenue	3,799	
Highway Block Grant	12,221	
Room & Meals Tax	2,930	
NH Forestry Dept.	270	
Total		19,220
Miscellaneous Sources		
Interest on Deposits	1,574	
Trust & Agency Funds	300	
Contributions	700	
Total		2,574
Total Revenues - All Sources		**366,729**

Expenditures - All Funds		
Executive	8,263	
Election, Reg & Vital Stats	803	
Revaluation of Property	731	
Financial Administration	1,200	
Legal Expense	1,351	
Planning Board	101	
General Gov. Buildings	3,142	
Cemeteries	800	
Insurance	2,297	
Advertising & Reg. Assoc	140	
Municipal Assoc	574	
Total		19,402

Public Safety		
Police		
Rescue	1,954	
Fire Dept. & Equip.	4,928	
Total		6,882
Highways & Streets		
Highway & Streets	8,632	
Highway Block Grant	12,221	
Total		20,853
Sanitation		
Solid Waste Disposal	7,182	
Total		7,182
Taxes		
Taxes Bought by Town	11,873	
Abatements	319	
Total		12,192
Health & Welfare		
Health Agencies	3,155	
Direct Assistance	4,177	
Total		7,332
Culture & Recreation		
Mulford Fund	300	
Lovell Recreation	560	
Patriotic	47	
Library	300	
Total		1,207
Economic development		
Airport	300	
Total		300
Capital outlay		
Building Fund	3,000	
Total		3,000
Payment to other departments		
Taxes Paid to County	22,191	
Taxes Paid to School District	254,372	
Total		276,563
Total Expenditures - all purposes		**354,913**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 1/1/97		181,521.20
From Town Clerk		
M.V. Permits	23,565.50	
M.V. Titles	40.00	
Dog Lic.	276.50	
Fees	180.70	24,062.70
From Tax Collector		
97 Property Tax	174,560.72	
96 Property Tax	102,209.70	
96 Property Tax Int.	1,736.62	
91 Property Tax	239.76	
91 Property Tax Int.	10.24	
96 Tax Liens	11,873.07	
Property Tax Redeemed	7,464.22	
Property Tax Redeemed Int.	720.85	
Tax Sale Purchased	1,174.35	
Yield Tax	7,283.00	
Yield Tax Int.	124.21	307,396.74
From State & Federal		
Highway Block Grant	12,220.96	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	13,344.00	
Rooms/meals Tax	2,930.11	
Revenue Sharing	3,799.35	
Misc.	215.22	32,509.64
Other		
Fleet Bank Int.	1,574.48	
Historical Soc.	700.00	
Saco Valley Fire	268.90	
Mulford Fund	300.00	
Planning Board	187.00	
Misc.	44.50	3,074.88
Total Cash		548,565.16
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		365,687.53
Balance 12/31/97		182,877.63

ESCROW ACCOUNTS

Balance 1/1/97		4,664.37
Deposits		
Office Building Fund	3,000.00	
Interest	163.85	3,163.85
Balance 12/31/97		7,828.22

Town Clerk's Report - 1997

Motor Vehicle Permits	Total #	Amount Collected
January	21	1,182.00
February	30	1,381.00
March	28	907.00
April	26	1,858.00
May	52	4,361.00
June	28	1,210.00
July	54	3,290.00
August	26	1,061.00
September	40	2,515.50
October	40	2,172.00
November	41	2,542.00
December	17	1.062.00
Total received from Vehicle Permits		23,541.50
Total # of Title Applications	20	40.00
Total # of Dog Licenses	46	276.50
U.C.C.	1	15.00
Vital Statistics		165.00
Other(copies)		.70
Total amount collected by Clerk		**24,038.70**

Vital Statistics - 1997

Births: None

Marriages: Andrew Todd Johnson, of Chatham, NH to Andrea Maria Siklosi, of Stow, ME on May 23,1997.

Roger Franklin Johnson , of Chatham NH to Deborah Arline Locke, of Ctr. Conway on June 28, 1997.

David Kenyon King, of Chatham NH to Lisa Ann Herron, of Chatham, NH on September 21, 1997.

Deaths: Wilhelmina P. Andrews, age 82, passed away August 7,1997

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pitman

Tax Collector's Report
Summary of Warrant
Property and Yield Tax Levy of 1997

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector:		
Property Taxes	$305,956.00	
Yield Taxes	9,004.00	
	$314,960.00	
Overpayment	157.00	
Total Debits		**$ 315,117.00**
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$174,550.72	
Yield Taxes	5,626.00	
Discounts	3,096.28	
Uncollected Taxes as of December 31, 1997		
Property Taxes	$ 128,467.00	
Yield Taxes	3,378.00	
Total Credits		**$ 315,118.00**

Summary of Warrant
(as of December 31, 1997)

1996 Uncollected Taxes	$ 8173.81
1995 Uncollected Taxes	$ 6554.76 (916.19 of this amount is Yield tax)
1993 Uncollected Taxes	$ 2801.86
1992 Uncollected Taxes	$ 5062.00
1991 Uncollected Taxes	$ 1318.24

Auditor's Report

Selectmen
Town of Chatham
Chatham, NH 03813

This is to certify that I have verified all the records and books of the Town of Chatham, New Hampshire, excepting Cemetery Trust Funds, and find them correct to the best of my knowledge.

February 23, 1998

Deborah Montgomery
Auditor - 1998
Town of Chatham

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

REVENUE

NH Block Grant		12221
Town Budget		12000
Unexpended B.G. 1996		3667
Total Available		27888

EXPENSES

January			
Jim Layne	Plowing	525	
Fox & Son	Plowing	1090	
February			
Jim Layne	Plowing	945	
Fox & Son	Plowing	2953	
March			
Jim Layne	Plowing	665	
Fox & Son	Plowing	2048	
April			
Jim Layne	Grading	2050	
Fox & Son	Plowing	1433	
May			
Jim Layne	Grading	945	
June			
Jim Layne	Grading	735	
Russ Lanoie	Parts	689	
July			
Jim Layne	Grading	1155	
August			
Jim Layne	Grading	560	
Garland Sand	Gravel	46	
October			
Jim Layne	Grading	840	
W. McAllister, Jr.	Mowing	200	
W. McAllister, Jr.	Road Work	80	
Jim Layne	Mowing	400	
November			
Jim Layne	Grading	1235	
W. McAllister, Jr.	Road work	70	
December			
Paris Farmers Union	Culverts	315	
Jim Layne	Plowing	1085	
Fox & Son	Plowing	790	
Total Expenses			**20854**
Unexpended Block Grant 1997			7034

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden. Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau, State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season,

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS
(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY	
Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Robert E. Boyd
Forest Ranger

Jim Layne
Forest Fire Warden

Saco Valley Fire Association

Serving the Towns of Fryeburg and Stow, ME and Chatham, NH

Saco Valley Fire Association has had a relatively quiet year. The calls are as follows: North Fryeburg -7, Stow-1, Chatham-5, and mutual aid with Fryeburg-2 and mutual aid with East Conway-2. We also assisted Fryeburg Rescue on a search and rescue call in Evans Notch, and were on stand-by in the station for 31 other alarms.

A truck was on duty at the fair this year to assist Fryeburg. We were stationed at the Lovell Gate.

We continue our training program both in house and through classes provided by business, organizations, and government agencies. All this is done to better serve the public and to comply with OSHA regulations. We continue to upgrade our equipment and protective gear as our budget allows.

As we approach our 50 anniversary of the Cooperation we again take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement through these years.

Please use smoke detectors, be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide, and be careful with all your fires.

Sincerely;
The officers and members of SVFA.

SVFA Budget

Elec. HQ	800	847.75	800	
Elec NS	250	211.24	250	
Telephone	600	425.39	300	(did away with emergency phone # - use 911)
Heat HQ	900	725.40	900	
Heat NS	400	459.11	400	
Truck Fuel	350	282.43	350	
Radio Purchase	600	445.23	600	(purchase one new radio)
Radio Repair	600	855.41	600	
Equip/Safety	2400	890.83	2400	(need to replace air pac & turn out gear)
Apparatus Maint.	1500	1438.91	1500	(forestry hose + matching grant for forestry equip)
Lic.,Dues, Fees, Immun.	400	411.60	400	(Hepatitis shots for new members)
Building Maint.	300	356.21	300	(finish hose tower)
Training	200	222.56	200	
Insurance	5000	5423.00	5300	(anticipated increase in premium)
Misc/Office Supplies	100	124.04	100	
Workman's Comp.	1700	1716.00	1700	
Total	**16100**	**14535.10**	**16100**	

FRYEBURG RESCUE
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Fryeburg Rescue has been continuing its constant training and upgrading the service it can offer the communities it serves. We have had the addition of Senior members and several members to the Junior Squad.

We logged 390 runs for the year, which is down from previous years. The breakdown is as follows: Fryeburg-246, No. Fryeburg-30, Brownfield-51, Lovell-38, Chatham-14, Stow-10, and East Conway-1.

As in the past we would like to thank the members of the towns Fire Departments for their assistance at motor vehicle accidents or when we need lifting assistance.

Growth is a continuing process and we are also updating equipment to provide the communities with the best care we can supply.

We are pleased to serve you and can never give enough thanks to the businesses, community members and the local police and fire departments for the many years of support.

Sincerely,
Roberta Lord
Secretary, Fryeburg Rescue

Chatham Community Library

Your library continues to slowly grow as new books are purchased and donated. Fortunately several friends have donated used books and we received a large donation of new books from Readers Digest Assoc., thanks to a friend of the library and valley. We bought mostly children and local author books this year.

The library is open every Wednesday afternoon from 1-4:30 pm, weather permitting. I'm pleased that many of our faithful supporters and readers come in often to browse and check out a new supply of books to enjoy.

Our shelves include many non-fiction books with a good supply of fiction, mystery, westerns and novels. To those of you new to the area or those that haven't been in to see the library, we welcome new patrons. Dues are $2.00 per year. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see how many good books we have to offer.

We also have many used books to sell that were left from our book sale last summer. Monies realized purchased new books and supplies needed. We are in need of more shelves and volunteers to help man the library's open hours. If you can donate time to help or build shelves, contact me. The library appreciates your support, interest and help.

Our thanks to all who have given time, books, labor and support in the past and hope to see more of you in the future.

Barbara Eastman, Librarian

Chatham Historical Society

Another busy year has passed. The Society had a table at the Fryeburg Flea Market each Sunday as a fund raiser, had a flea and craft sale in Chatham and sold our Tee Shirts, Sweatshirts and booklets in the Museum room to raise needed monies for our projects in progress. Cataloging materials continue on a weekly basis. Each week puts a little more research material on our shelves to help with family histories and area historical projects.

We were very fortunate in having Mary Ellen Barnes (who was working on her Masters degree) interest in the Stow-Chatham area. She received a matching grant from the Maine Humanities Council to do her project of "Families and Communities in the Cold River Valley, 1880-1930" She did many interviews with the older folks in the area and the tapes and transcripts are in the Museum Room. She held two evening programs - Chatham in June and Stow in August. The Society sponsored her project and had a large display of photographs and scrapbooks from our collection at each of her programs. Our monthly meetings throughout the summer had interesting speakers and many stopped by the Museum Wednesdays for a visit, to browse or do research.

We are actively seeking photographs, journals, maps, etc. of the Chatham-Stow area to add to our collection. Copies are fine if you want the original to remain with you. If you have such materials, please may we borrow them long enough to either photocopy or have laser prints made ? Much of the photocopying can be done at our Museum (none will be sent away) or locally.

The Museum is open Wednesday afternoons, weather permitting, from 1 to 4:30 pm. The Society needs volunteers to do historical projects, work on scrapbooks, help at the fund raisers, etc. Membership dues are $ 6.00 per member per year. Everyone Welcome. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of the month from April through October at the Museum Room and are held at 7 pm. For more information contact me or drop in to the Museum any Wednesday afternoon.

The Society was saddened to lose two of its valued members, Winnie Andrews and Betty Hill, this year. Sympathy and thoughts are sent to their families.

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Society in any way. Your support and interest is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Eastman
President/Curator

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHATHAM

SCHOOL BOARD

Susan Perry, Chair	Term Expires 1999
James Diegoli	Term Expires 1998
Bonnie Arbogast	Term Expires 2000

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Frank Eastman, Moderator	Term Expires 1998
Louise McKenzie, Treasurer	Term Expires 1998
Waneeta Marquis, Clerk	Term Expires 1998
Deborah Montgomery, Auditor	Term Expires 1998

SCHOOLS

K-5	New Suncook School, Lovell Gary MacDonald, Principal	207-925-6711
6-8	Molly Ockett Middle School, Fryeburg James Underwood, Principal	207-935-2401
9-12	Fryeburg Academy, Fryeburg Daniel Lee, Headmaster	207-935-2001

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO.9
603-356-5533

Harry L. Benson, Superintendent of Schools
Richard B. Mezquita, Assistant Superintendent
Regina E. LaVoie, Director of Special Services
James Hill, Purchasing, Contract & Insurance Administrator
Becky Jefferson, Director of Budget & Finance

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO.72
207-935-2600

Dr. George G. Cunningham, Superintendent of Schools

CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Chatham, in the County of Carroll, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said District on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To elect an Auditor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing two years.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) for the purchase of a school bus; and to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund (School Buses) created for that purpose, and to authorize the Trustees of the Capital Reserve Fund (School Buses) to withdraw said monies and pay the same over to the School District Treasurer. (Recommended by the School Board)(Recommended/Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thirty-nine thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars ($339,535.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, exclusive of all separate articles. (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended/Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands, this 9th day of February, 1998.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT - ATTEST

Susan Perry
James Diegoli
Bonnie Arbogast

MINUTES OF THE CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 11, 1997, 8:45 p.m.

All Articles were passed by a show of hands.

Article 1- Waneeta A. Marquis was re-elected as the Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 2- Bonnie Arbogast was elected for the ensuing three year term as a school board member.

Article 3- Louise Mckenzie was re-elected for the ensuing year as treasurer.

Article 4-Deborah Montgomery was re-elected for the ensuing year as auditor.

Article 5- The Town raised and appropriated the sum of $353,443.00 for the 1997-1998 school year. This budget covers all expenses that may duly come before it.

*There was a review of the number of children we had enrolled in school for the Town. The total number of children is 42. There was concern raised about whether Chatham school children would have any problems being included in the Fryeburg school district at present or in the future. Mr. George Cunningham Superintendent of Fryeburg Academy assured us that our children were not at risk of being edged out of the Fryeburg School system because of enrollment numbers.

* In review for our children's transportation, Mr. Jim Hill rode the Chatham bus to check out our contract with Bennett Transportation. Mr. Hill assured us the contract that the Town holds with Bennett is in our best interest financially. We have a good deal.

* There was discussion of the school board meetings being held at a more mutually agreeable location and time. This would be helpful to those residents that would like to become more involved. It was suggested that the meetings be held at the Chatham Library. The monthly meeting time is currently at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, in North Conway.

Article 6- No new business at hand or further discussion the motion to adjourn was made and seconded, we adjourned. Time was 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Waneeta A. Marquis
School District Clerk

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

Cash on Hand July 1, 1996 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$ 23,452.55
Received From Selectmen	$250,000.00	
Revenue From State Sources	25,221.21	
Interest	815.25	
Total Receipts		276,036.46
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		$299,489.01
Less School Board Orders Paid		292,018.35
Balance on Hand June 30, 1997 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$ 7,470.66

September 19, 1997

Louise McKenzie
District Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1997

	General Account
ASSETS:	
Cash	$ 7,470.66
Intergovernmental Receivables	69,372.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$76,842.66
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:	
Deferred Revenues	$20,238.29
Unreserved Fund Balance	56,604.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$76,842.66

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997

	General Account	
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES:		
Taxes	$319,372.00	
Earnings on Investments	815.25	
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE		$320,187.25
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES:		
Foundation Aid	$1,982.92	
Other State Revenue	3,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES		$ 4,982.92
TOTAL REVENUE		$325,170.17

CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
1998-1999 BUDGET

FUNCTION/OBJECT/DESCRIPTION			ADOPTED BUDGET 1996-97	ACTUALS 1996-97	ADOPTED BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET 1998-99
1100		REGULAR EDUCATION				
	561-101	Tuition, Elementary	184,000	157,943.16	187,200	156,400
	561-103	Tuition, Sr. High	98,300	71,420.41	90,100	103,200
		TOTAL 1100 REGULAR EDUCATION	282,300	229,363.57	277,300	259,600
1200		SPECIAL EDUCATION				
	330-120	Occupational/Physical Therapy	350	0.00	1,800	500
	563-109	Private Tuition	6,794	6,110.80	7,500	13,929
		TOTAL 1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION	7,144	6,110.80	9,300	14,429
2140		PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
	330-120	Testing/Counseling	0	0.00	1,800	1,800
		TOTAL 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	0	0.00	1,800	1,800
2150		SPEECH SERVICES				
	330-120	Speech Testing	350	374.64	0	500
		TOTAL 2150 SPEECH SERVICES	350	374.64	0	500

CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
1998-1999 BUDGET

FUNCTION/OBJECT/DESCRIPTION			ADOPTED BUDGET 1996-97	ACTUALS 1996-97	ADOPTED BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET 1998-99
2310		SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES				
	523-37	Insurance, Treas. Bond	60	0.00	100	65
	110-74	School Board Salaries	285	285.00	285	285
	390-47	Census	0	0.00	100	0
	390-74	Treasurer's Salary	80	80.00	80	80
	380-47	Legal Services	500	0.00	500	500
	390-47	Audit	30	30.00	30	30
	390-74	Salary, Clerk/Moderator/Checklist	70	70.00	70	70
	390-117	School Board Expenses	200	0.00	200	200
	540-70	Advertising	50	20.60	50	50
		TOTAL 2310 SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	1,275	485.60	1,415	1,280
2320		OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT				
	351-104	SAU #9 Share	4,571	4,571.40	5,518	6,066
		TOTAL 2320 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	4,571	4,571.40	5,518	6,066
2550		PUPIL TRANSPORATION				
	513-120	Cont. Services-Reg. Trans.	31,122	34,684.29	38,610	39,960
	524-34	Insurance, Bus	550	313.00	400	400
	656-86	Fuel, Bus	1,800	1,018.57	2,500	2,500
	513-120	Transp-Spec Ed	1,400	301.00	3,600	0
		TOTAL 2550 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	34,872	36,316.86	45,110	42,860

CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
1998-1999 BUDGET

FUNCTION/OBJECT/DESCRIPTION			ADOPTED BUDGET 1996-97	ACTUALS 1996-97	ADOPTED BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET 1998-99
5250		CAPITAL RESERVE				
	880-105	Transfer Reserve - Bus	8,000	8,000.00	8,000	8,000
	880-105	Transfer Reserve - Sp. Ed.	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	5,000
		TOTAL 5250 CAPITAL RESERVE	13,000	13,000.00	13,000	13,000
		TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATION	$343,512	$290,222.87	$353,443	$339,535
		DEFICIT/SUPPL. APPROP-TUITION	$37,691	0	$0	$0
			$381,203	$290,222.87	$353,443	$339,535

CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATED REVENUE

	ACTUAL RECEIPTS 1996-97	ESTIMATED REVENUE 1997-98	ESTIMATED REVENUE 1997-98
Unencumbered Balance	21,657	56,604	5,000
Revenue from State/Federal sources:			
Foundation Aid	1,983	5,699	6,000
National Forest Reserve	0	20,238	15,000
Kindergarten Aid	3,000	2,250	2,250
Catastrophic Aid	0	0	10,000
Revenue from local sources:			
NOW Interest	815	500	500
Other Local	0	0	0
Capital Reserve-Spec. Educ.	0	0	0
Supplemental Approp.	0	0	0
Total Revenue	27,455	85,291	38,750
District Assessment	319,372	268,152	300,785
Grand Total Revenue	**$346,827**	**$353,443**	**$339,535**

Independent Auditors Report

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., C.P.A.'s
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board
School Administrative Unit #9
Conway, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the School Administrative Unit #9 as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial Statements are the responsibility of the School Administrative Unit #9 management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School Administrative Unit #9 as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
August 1, 1997

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO.9
1998-1999 Budget

	Function	Adopted Budget 1997-98	Adopted Budget 1998-99	Chatham's Share .94% 1998-99
Regular Education	1100	$26,348	$ 10,473	$ 98.93
Special Education	2190	145,133	144,030	1,360.59
Improvement of Inst.	2210	11,800	13,200	124.69
School Board Services	2310	22,135	10,448	98.70
Superintendent	2320	152,313	165,483	1,563.25
Asst. Superintendent	2321	85,238	82,003	774.65
Business/Finance	2521	204,524	204,238	1,929.35
Operations/Maintenance	2540	29,151	20,762	$ 196.13
Gross Budget Total		$ 676,642	$ 650,637	$ 6,146.29
Plus Federal Projects		+ 10,000	+ 65,000	+ 614.03
Minus Estimated Revenue		- 32,300	- 73,500	- 694.33
Net Total Expenses (District Apportionment)		$ 654,342	$ 642,137	$ 6,065.99

ENROLLMENT (Fall 1997)

Total K-8..... 37

Kindergarten
Drew, Hannah
Perry, Christopher

Grade 1
Cooper, Cheyainne
Drew, Erica
Fifield, Leia
Gerrish, Dana
Head, Ellen
Wadleigh, Timothy

Grade 2
Cherry, A. Lynn
Drew, Kelsey
Hennessy, Coreen
Logan, Jonathan
Plowden, Christopher

Grade 3
Diegoli, James
Drew, Maranda
Ferren, Katelyn
Fifield, Kathrina
Head, Lauren
Marquis, Jacob
Stryker, Samuel

Grade 4
Ferren, David

Grade 5
DeWitt, Richard
Famham, Benjamin
Plowden, Jennifer
Wadleigh, Andrew

Grade 6
Banhart, Lara
Butters, Leigh
Hennessy, Bryane
Stone, Calyn

Grade 7
Cherry, Marie
Farnham, Douglas
Frost, Selena

Grade 8
Butters, Morgan
Desruisseau, Christopher

Total 9-12..... 13

McAllister, Duane
Miller, Charles
Stone, Seth

Grade 9
Burnell, Chris
Hennessy, Chelsy
Infinger, Michael

Grade 10
Burnell, Yvette
DeWitt, Liana
McAllister,Gordon
Miller, Summer
Neddenriep,Crystal

Grade 11
Hennessy, Errin
Infinger, David

Grade 11
Banhart, Matthew
Montgomery, James *
Puetz, Rhea-Dawn

* Cornmunity School